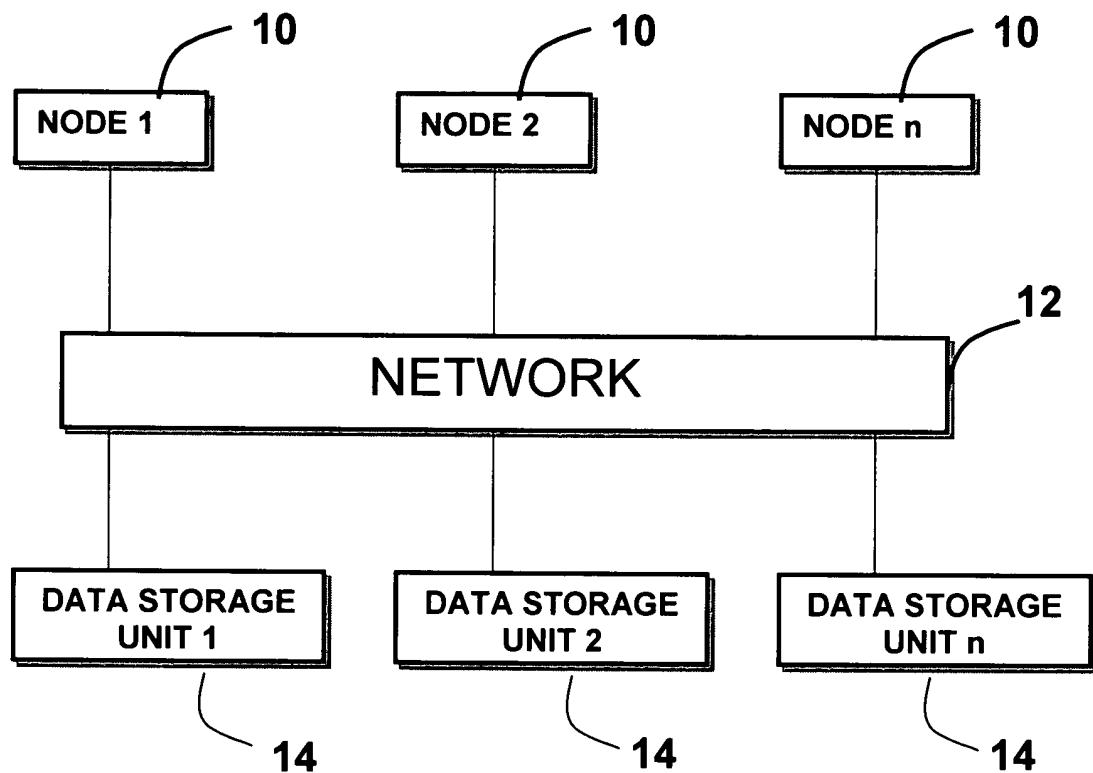




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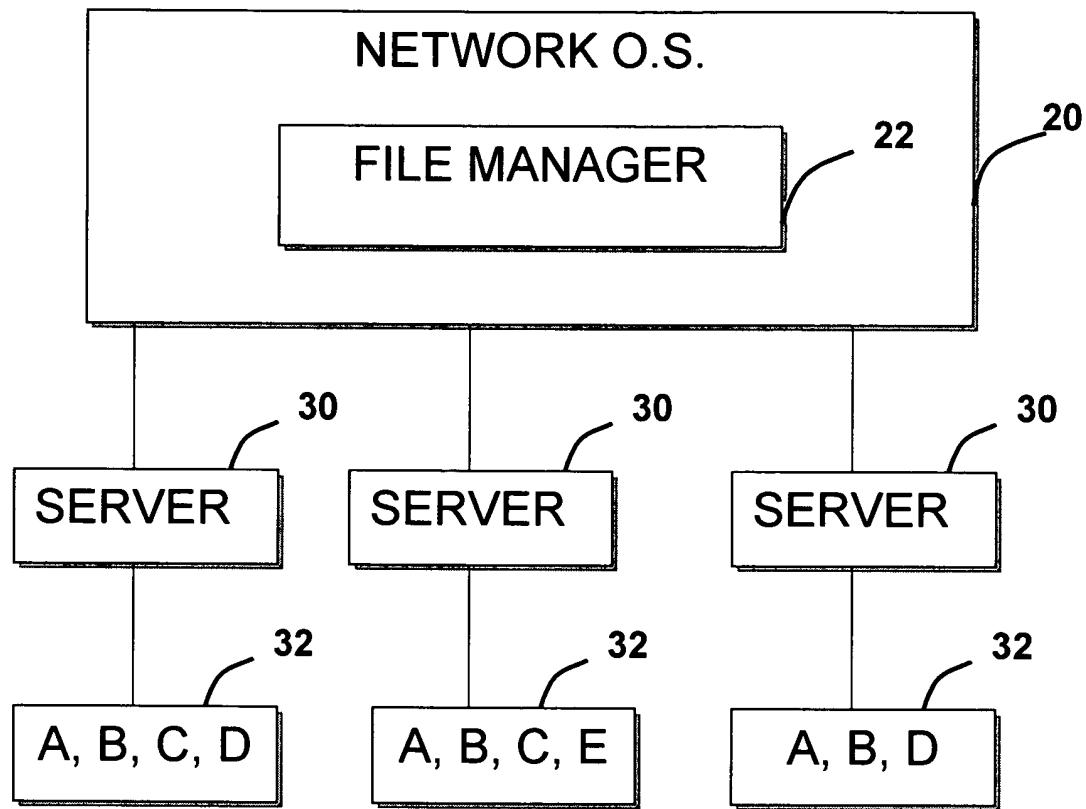
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**FIG. 1**  
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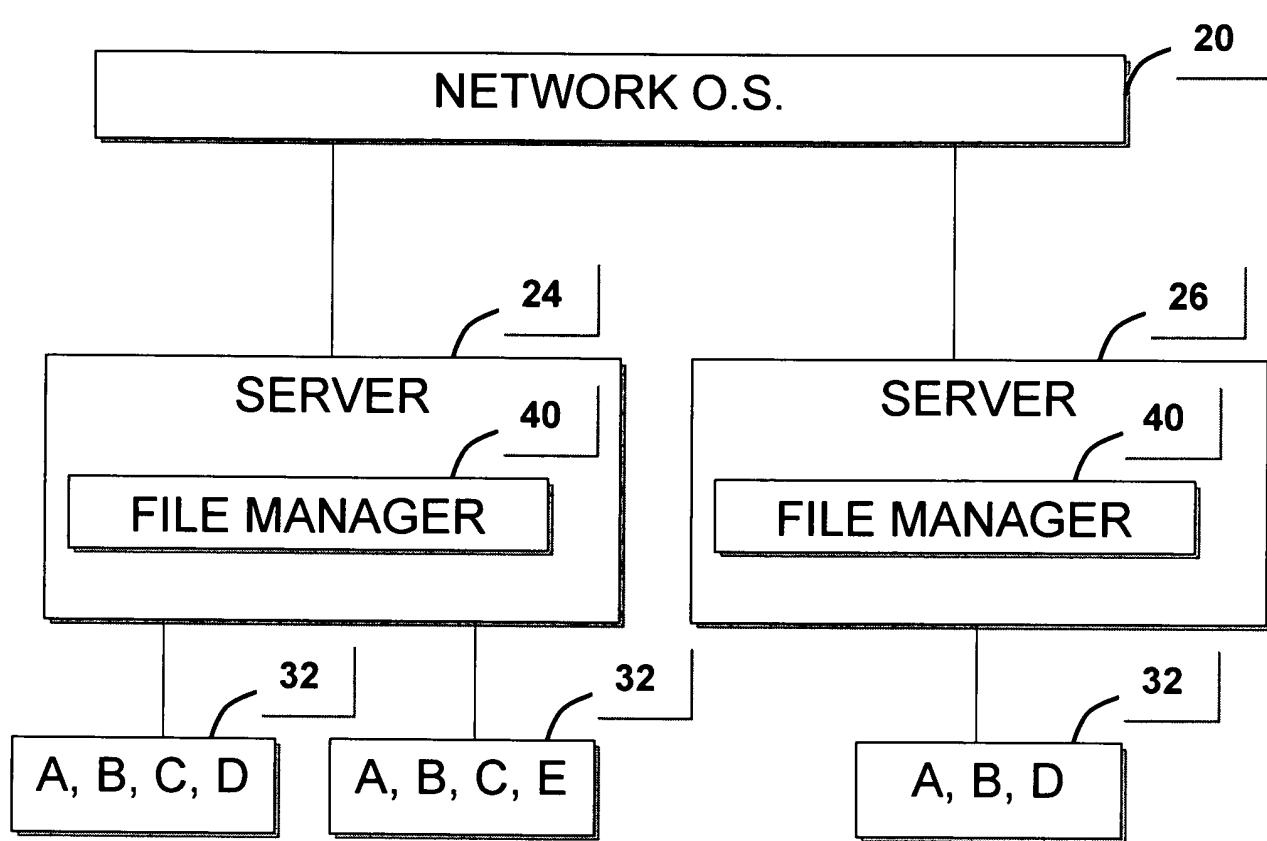
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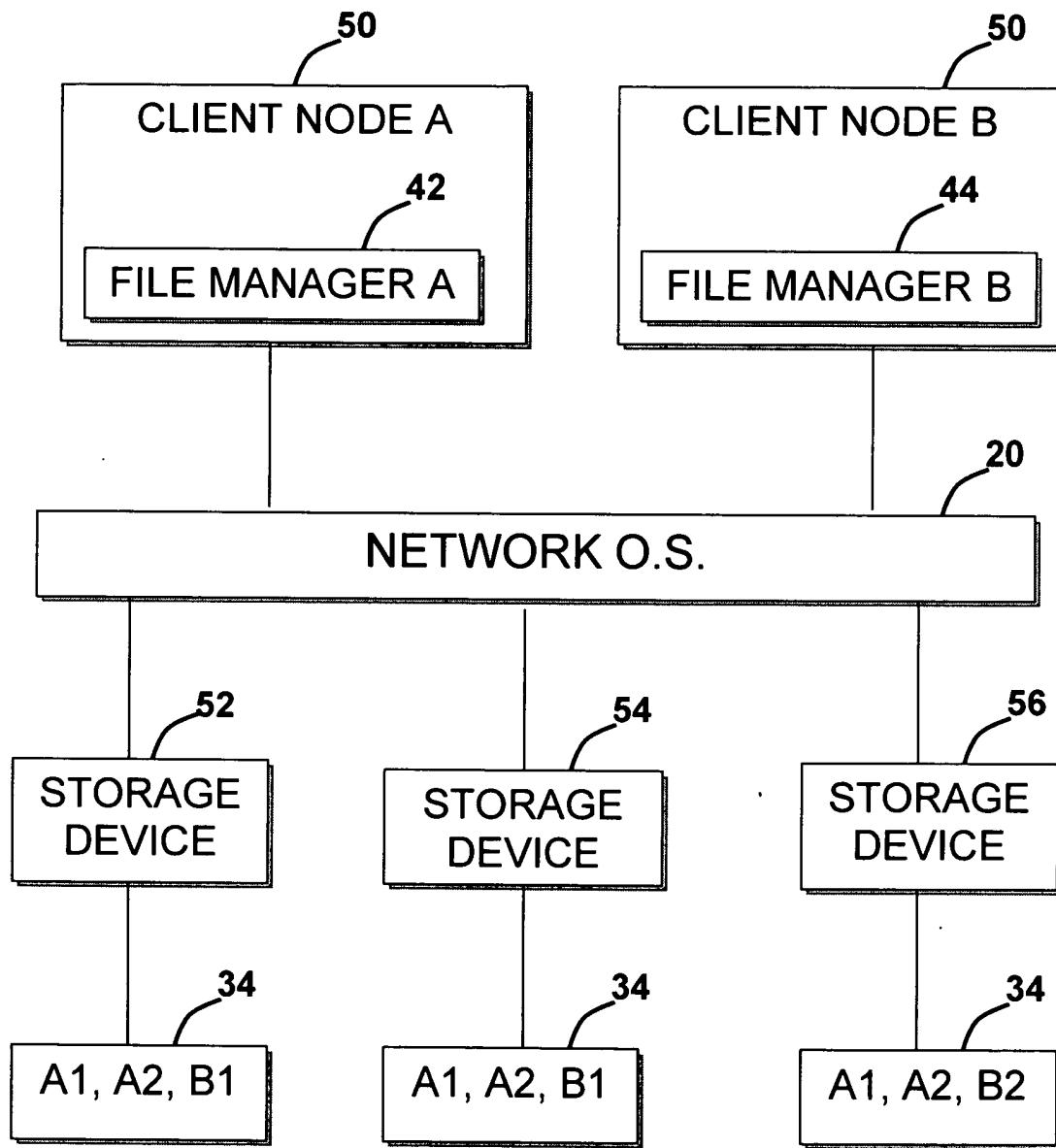


**FIG. 2A  
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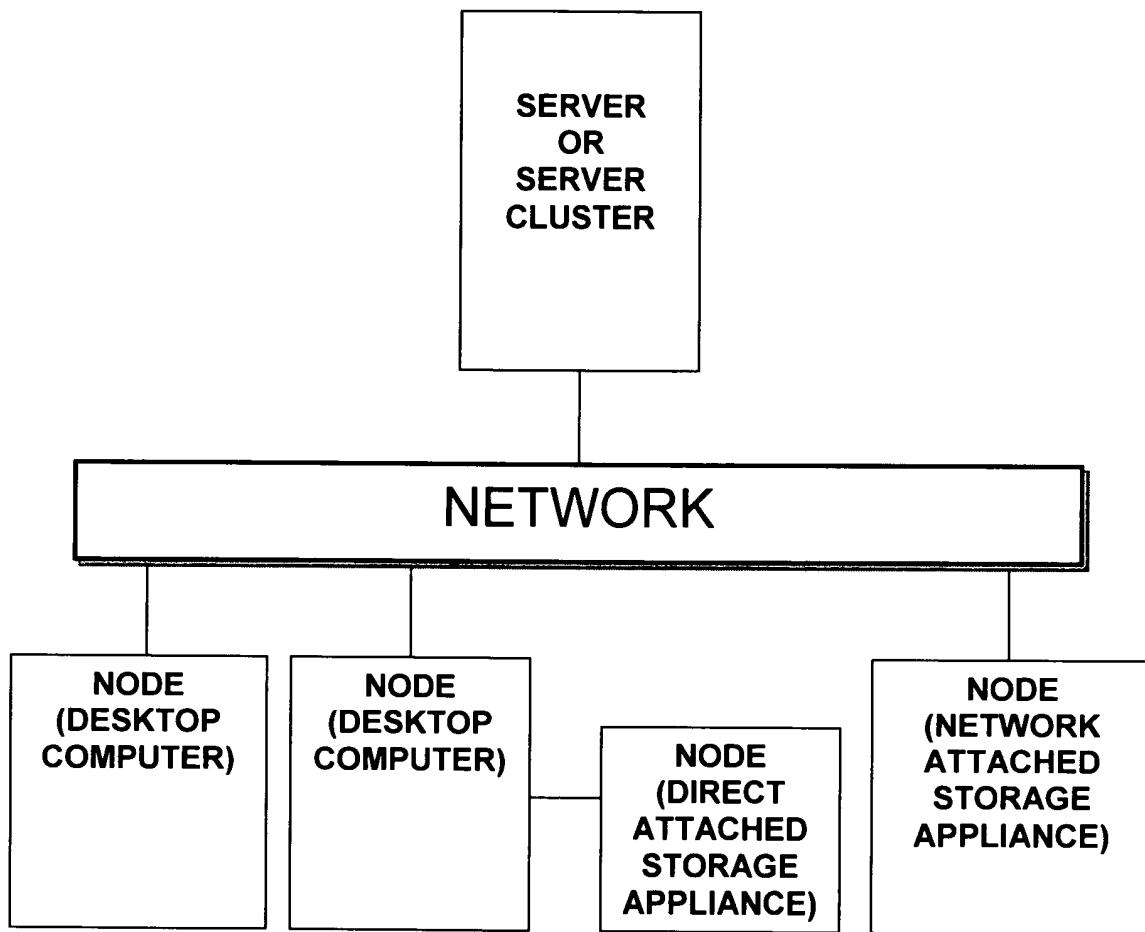
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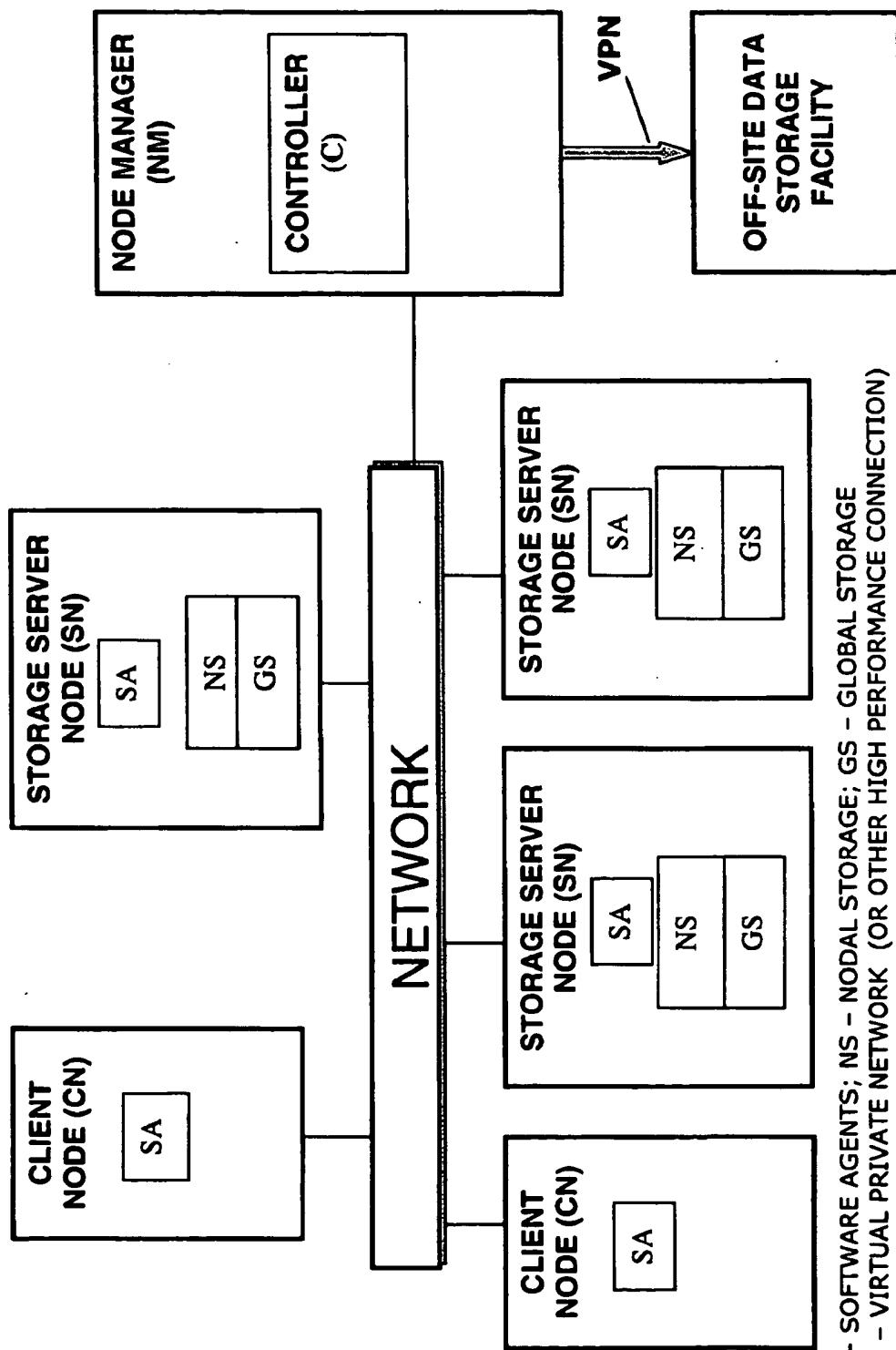
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**FIG. 3  
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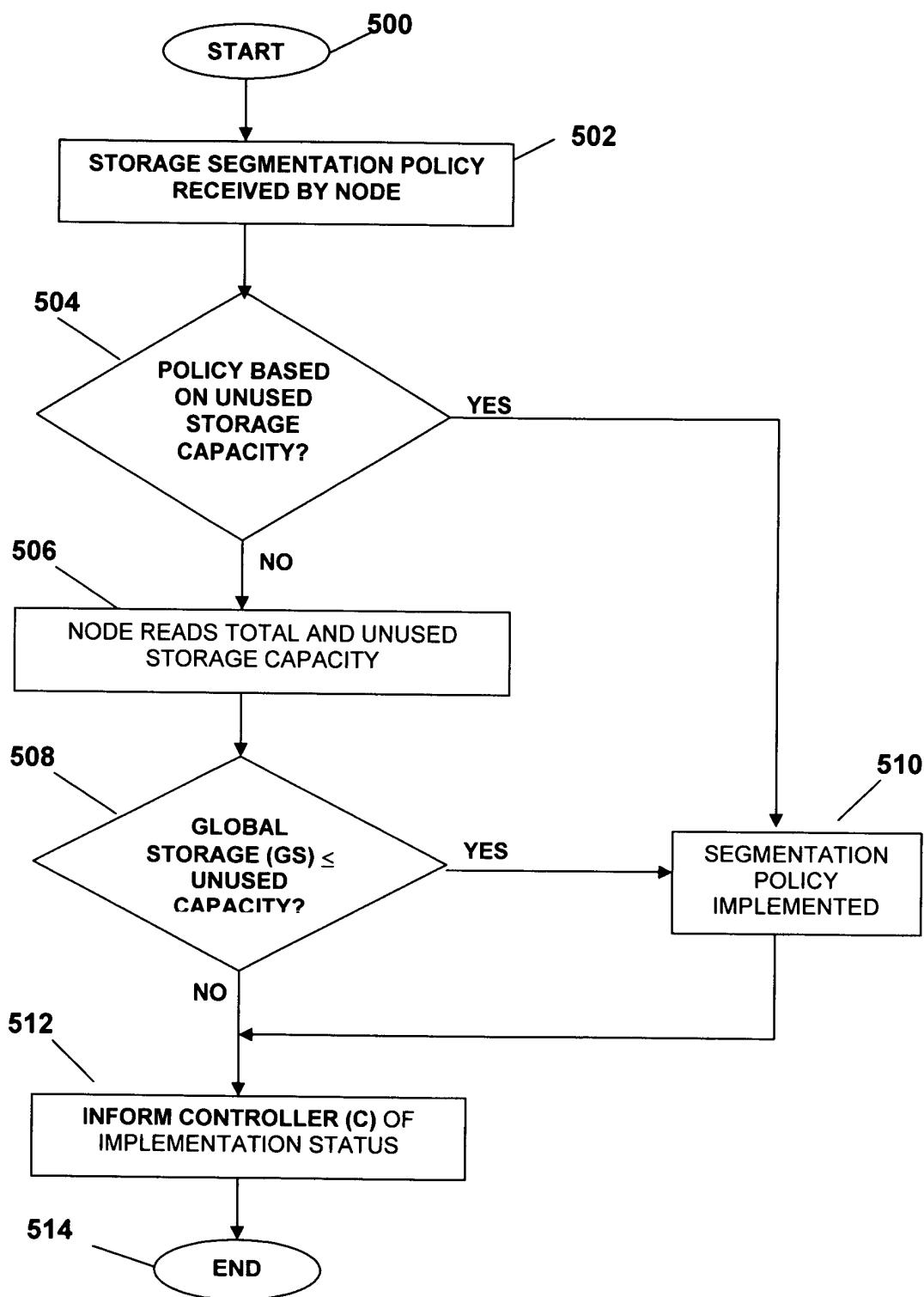


SA - SOFTWARE AGENTS; NS - NODAL STORAGE; GS - GLOBAL STORAGE  
VPN - VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK (OR OTHER HIGH PERFORMANCE CONNECTION)

**FIG. 4**

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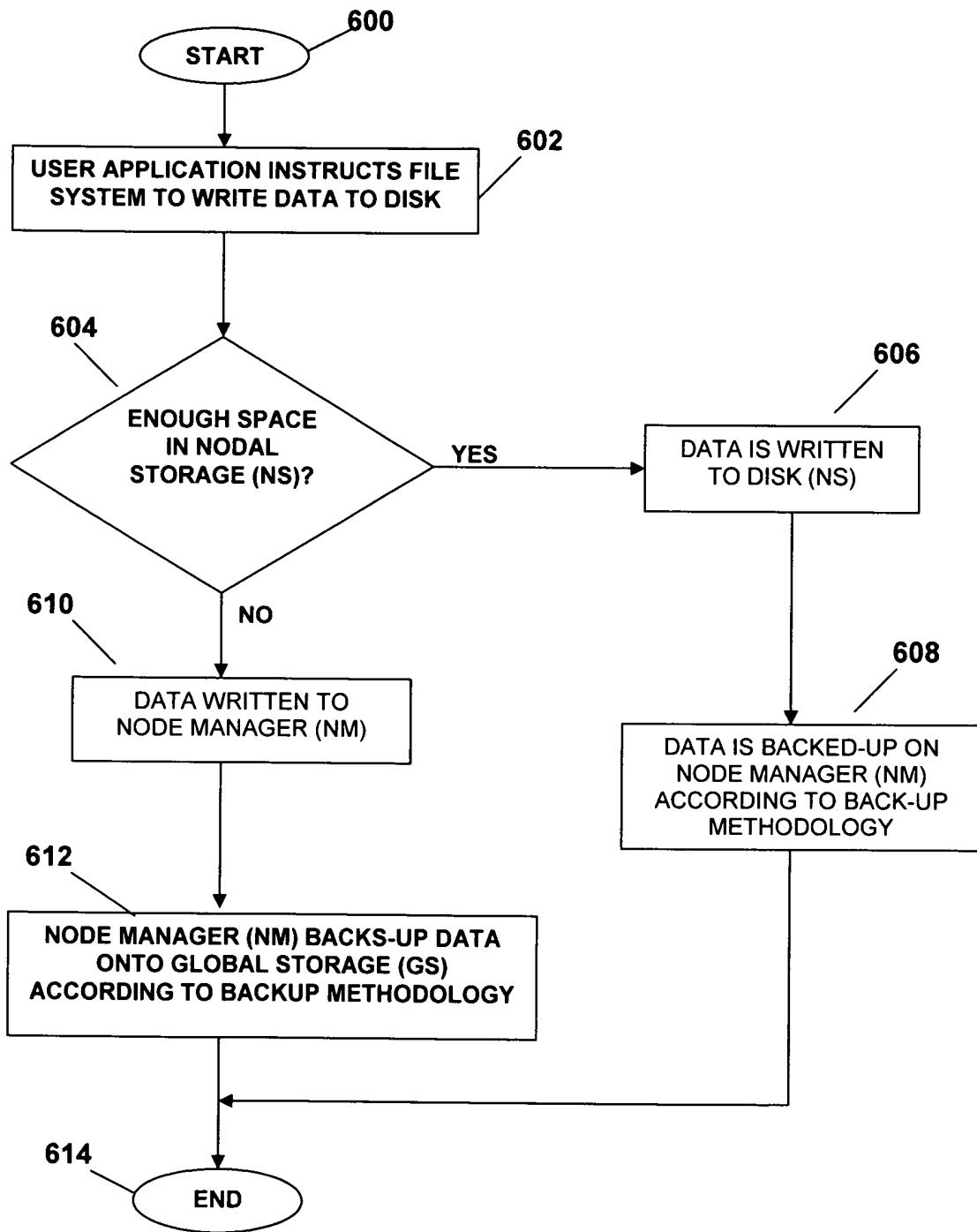
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**FIG. 5**

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**FIG. 6**